

## Meeting Notes

**Project:** Denny Park  
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**Present:** Greg Brower (The Berger Partnership), Phil Fuji (Vulcan), Gregg Gartrell (Low Income Housing Institute), Elizabeth Grace (Spruce Street Parent, Architect), Kristin Kildall (Landscape Designer), Pam Kliment (Seattle Parks), Lynn Krizanich (Clise Properties), Doug Lindsay (Pastor), Kate Mortenson, Edmund Robb (Spruce Street Parent, Attorney), Charles Sablan (Seattle Parks), Mimi Sheridan (Historical preservation consultant), Dana Staikides, (The Berger Partnership)

**Purpose:** Denny P.A.T Meeting

**Discussion:** Second Public Meeting

**Doug.** Prefers B2. Make water easy for kids to play in, shallow. NW Indian motif for covered space. Likes Lincoln Park water feature because it is too shallow to wash or bathe in it.

**Lynn.** Prefers B1. Likes respect for historic elements, flexible combination of formal and informal, entry off John.

Greg Brower - North paved plaza sized for 100-150 people, +/- 2,000 SF. Is that size appropriate?

**Mimi.** Prefers B1. Likes hardscape options in scheme.

**Rachel (via Pam).** Wants a covered space.

**Elizabeth.** Prefers B1. Covered space is desirable, not inconsistent with kids' space. Public gathering is an important component of the Park. Likes variety of uses provided, meandering play. If play not integrated properly into park, will take up valuable real estate. Water: B1 or B3. Use of water by kids is preferred. Miller Community Center is good example.

**Edmund.** Prefers B1. Likes integration of play area into trees. Scheme allows for many uses.

**Mimi.** Prefers B1. All schemes respect historic aspect. Likes water off 9<sup>th</sup>, can use topography in this location. Doesn't like curb bulbs, could use paving instead to make crossings more inviting.

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**Kristin.** Prefers B1. Likes curb bulbs. Size of center area is appropriate. Play area and water element may not reflect the formal nature of other areas but we can perhaps integrate all elements through paving, etc. Water and play area need to speak to each other. Would like to see more open space but understands the sensitivity to the trees. Control size, shape of the covered area so many can use. Concern that Berger has shown too many images of catalog play pieces.

**Elizabeth** - Play area responds to organic nature of trees and topography vs. formal pathways.

**Greg Brower** - Don't over-intellectualize the design of the children's play area. There is value in pre-fab play pieces in that they have climbing options, etc. that children enjoy. We will explore all options - pre-fab and non-structured options - as there is value in the pre-fab pieces.

**Gregg G.** Prefers B1. Likes range of spaces, sizes and uses, general location of play area. Rethink curb bulbs. Avoid "Cracker Jack toys spread on lawn." Looks like you can build play space first.

**Kate.** Prefers B1. B1 invites the most diverse use. Suggests covered seating at a "History Plaza". Tell story of Seattle (Denny family, Duwamish tribe) with panels, include seating. Having the historical aspect separate from the play area would allow the area to be just for play; takes pressure off play area. Water feature - rework, tweak design, though location on east side is right. Too dark off Denny for the water feature, wasted in the center.

**Charles .** Prefers B1. Wants covered area 600-800 SF. Covered area is desirable, as is restroom. Admin currently tries to keep use of their building to a minimum due to security reasons.

**Doug** - Can we reactivate restrooms at back of Admin.? They are currently locked up. Pam will check status.

**Phil..** Didn't vote. Reinforce major entry nodes with low walls, seating. Look at current street parking - don't obscure sightlines from park, expand outward outside of park boundaries if possible. Reach across streets to adjacent buildings with paving, etc. Up-light trees, light entry nodes, don't use traditional 12'-14' pole lights. Keep kids safe from street. Provide drop-off zone.

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Pam – can set up meeting with SDOT regarding street changes.

Elizabeth – Is size of north plaza sufficient for programmable space?

Kate – Is meeting with Cornish students, faculty to determine their needs.

Pam – Look at shaded areas; what areas are truly shaded?

Mimi – Use artist for history aspects. What type of shelter? Water feature– east side is preferable. Group should advocate for bathrooms. Kids really do use the Park the most and need bathrooms the most.

Phil – Make shelter translucent (transparent?). Use a base with sleeves for removable poles. Look at costs at every step of the process.

Charles – Try to get more programming.

Open bathrooms in back of building – costs, infrastructure, maintenance, staff.

### Meeting Adjourned

The preceding is assumed to be a complete and correct record of the significant items and actions agreed upon at the above meeting. Please advise the author immediately of any additions or corrections to the minutes. Work is proceeding on the basis of this record.

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